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## Statement of the Substance of the Interview: June 25, 2008

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.133(b), the Applicants request that the following statement of the substance of the interview conducted on June 25, 2008 be made of record. In that telephonic interview, Patent Examiner Ives Wu and Supervisory Patent Examiner Duane Smith discussed the 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejection over U.S. patent number 4,986,838 (Johnsgard) in view of U.S. patent application US20050085057A1

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(Hashikura) and U.S. patent 6,090,208 (Han)with the Applicants' undersigned

representative, Mr. Ramberg.

During the interview, Mr. Ramberg stated that a supplementary amendment

and interview summary had been submitted on June 13, 2008, coincidentally on the

same date that the latest non-final office action had been issued. Examiners Wu and

Smith agreed to review this supplementary amendment and interview summary.

Mr. Ramberg argued that Hashikura does not teach a manifold for the injection

of hot gas, and questioned where Hashikura teaches a manifold at all. Mr. Ramberg

argued that while Hashikura may teach a way to heat gas, it does not teach injecting

hot gas for the purposes of (for example) minimizing deposition downstream of the

injection point (notwithstanding whether gas was injected into a manifold or not).

Examiners Smith and Wu agreed to withdraw the non-final rejection of June 13,

2008, consider the June 13 supplementary amendment and present arguments, and

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either issue a Notice of Allowance or a new non-final Office Action.

The Applicants thank Examiners Wu and Smith for their time and courtesy.

Respectfully submitted,

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